

## ISLAND OF IOANNINA and the MUSEUM

One of the most notable attractions of Ioannina is the “islet on Lake Pamvotis”. The island is referred to as "Nissaki" (in Greek "little island") by everyone, including its inhabitants. Passengers are ferried back and forth from the mainland to the island (about 15-minute ride each way) on small motorboats. There, inside the monastery of Agios Panteleimon -which has been converted into a museum containing information and paintings, as well as re-creations of Ali Pasha’s lounging and living quarters-, you enter in another world.

However, the museum is not the only attraction on the island. There are many gift-shops, tavernas, churches and bakeries on the island's winding streets. Some of the people of Ioannina even choose to make the tiny island their yearlong home, with simple rowboats moored outside their homes, or in small marinas, in the event they need to get to Ioannina when the motorboats are not running. The island has also six monasteries, the oldest, St Nicholas-Ntiliou, built the 11<sup>th</sup> C.

